

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

March 24, 2023

The Honorable Kay Granger
Chairwoman
Committee on Appropriations
H-305, the Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth HOB
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for Zacate Creek Restoration in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Laredo, located at 1110 Houston Street, Laredo, TX 78040. The funding would be used for the restoration of the Zacate Creek Green District Corridor by removing invasive species, repopulating the area with native tree canopies, and improving the creek's hydrology—among other ecological improvements. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will enhance and protect a segment of Zacate Creek along the Rio Grande River, which is a critical source of water for the City of Laredo.

This project has a Federal nexus because it is for the purposes authorized by the Soil Conservation and Allotment Domestic Act of 1935, 16 U.S. Code sections 590a-590d and 590f-g.

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Henry Cuellar". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "H" and a long, sweeping underline.

Henry Cuellar, Ph.D.
U.S. Congressman
28th District of Texas